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People in the U.S. have access to some of the safest public drinking water supplies in the world (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2021a). Environmental health professionals are one of the key groups that help make drinking water safe. They also help make water safe for communities that depend on private wells, residents in buildings with complex water systems, and swimmers who exercise regularly in pools. The Water, Food, and Environmental

inspectors improve their inspection skills and understanding of aquatic facility systems.

Malfunctioning septic systems can contaminate groundwater and surface water, potentially affecting individuals as well as the environment. Environmental health professionals can explore onsite (decentralized) wastewater resources for environmental health from CDC and partners, including Septic Smart resources from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

As water challenges continue to occur, we hope these resources are helpful to environmental health professionals at all levels (Table 1).